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CHAPTER II

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TITLE OF INVENTION: METHODS AND DEVICES FOR CODING OR DECODING AN
AUDIO SIGNAL OR BIT STREAM

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1. Applicant herewith submits to the United States Elected Office (EO/US) the following items under 35 U.S.C. Section 371:
 - a. This express request to immediately begin national examination procedures (35 U.S.C. Section 371(f)).
 - b. The U.S. National Fee (35 U.S.C. Section 371(c)(1)) and other fees (37 C.F.R. Section 1.492) as indicated below:

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*See attached Preliminary Amendment Reducing the Number of Claims.

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11. Additional documents:
- a. International Publication No. WO 00/39933 (front page only)
 - b. First Preliminary Amendment (37 C.F.R. Section 1.121)
 - c. Annotated Copy Of Final Version Of PCT/EP98/08475
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